

WIARNG Success Story

2004 WIARNG Environmental Performance Assessment System

The Army National Guard Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) is the internal audit program for the Army National Guard. On an approximately 4 year cycle EPAS teams visit each state and perform a compliance assessment on the state's Army National Guard Facilities. In 2004 EPAS teams visited 38 of WIARNG's 87 Facility's. All 15 maintenance facilities and 23 of WIARNG's other facilities (mostly armories) were audited.

Compared with the Previous EPAS assessment performed in 2000 the overall environmental performance has improved. The number of findings per facility dropped from 4.1 to 2.1. Particularly noteworthy were the 6 Facilities (5 maintenance and 1 armory) which had no findings and 2 which were specifically recognized as going above and beyond the regulatory requirements.

Although there is no one action or event that can be attributed to this improvement it can be generally attributed to a close working relationship with WIARNG's maintenance community which has made great improvements over the last decade.

No Findings (5 maintenance, 1 armory)

Reedsburg Armory

Oshkosh FMS #10

CSMS

Wausau FMS #13

Wisconsin Rapids FMS #14

Whitewater FMS #8

Camp Williams FMS #1

Positive Findings

United States Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO) Warehouse EPAS write up

USP&FO warehouse personnel perform duties which exceed small quantity generator (SQG) standards under Federal, state, and WIARNG regulations. USP&FO personnel manage a material/waste turn-in area as a satellite accumulation point (SAP). As a management tool, USP&FO personnel have developed and implemented a hazardous waste accumulation logging system for hazardous material and universal waste turned in by other activities located on Camp Williams. These logs indicate the unit/activity turning in the items, the date of turn-in, and the quantity of the material. Because the logs only identify material which has been declared a waste by USP&FO personnel versus those materials which have been re-introduced into the supply system, USP&FO personnel know exactly how much waste is accumulated at the SAP. Because personnel use a separate accumulation container for each type of waste stream, this logging system is a useful tool for staying under the 55-gallon quantity limit for SAPs. Moreover, when the USP&FO's UBANGs system was recently erased, personnel maintained continuity, by hand, of the recordkeeping in lieu of the out of service system.

West Bend Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) #1 EPAS Write Up

West Bend AASF 1 personnel have gone above and beyond statutory, regulatory, and ARNG requirements for the management of hazardous materials. The Hazardous Materials NCO has labeled shelf locations for all hazardous materials maintained in four flammable materials storage cabinets throughout AASF 1. A current materials inventory is maintained on the front of all the flammable materials storage cabinets which includes the shelf life of the product and any extension to the shelf life of those materials. Shelf life periods, including the next inspection/test date, are also shown directly on the material and on the shelf location label. No guidance is in place which requires this level of labeling and tracking for hazardous materials.